

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14. (Canceled).

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical application in the form of an aqueous gel, comprising:

(a) at least one associative non-crosslinked acrylic copolymer having a C₈-C₃₂ hydrophobic chain, and being present in a proportion of 0.8 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition,

(b) as surfactant of said composition, at least one oxyethylenated esters of sorbitol and of C₈-C₂₂ fatty acids, in a ratio of 1/20 to 1/5 with respect to the associative non-crosslinked copolymer but in a proportion of less than 1% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition, and

(c) at least one insoluble conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of a silicone, a hydrocarbon, a fatty alcohol and a fatty ester, said conditioning agent being present in a proportion of 0.01 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

16. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the proportion of non-crosslinked copolymer is comprised between 1 and 10% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the non-crosslinked copolymer is selected from the group consisting of:

- (meth)acrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/C₈-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate copolymers;
- acrylic acid/lauryl (meth) acrylate copolymers;
- (meth)acrylic acid/C₁-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate/polyethoxylated C₁-C₂₂ alkyl allyl ether copolymers, in which copolymers at least one of the monomers comprises a C₈-C₂₂ alkyl chain;
- methacrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated lauryl acrylate terpolymers;
- methacrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated stearyl methacrylate copolymers;
- (meth)acrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated nonylphenol acrylate copolymers;
- acrylic acid/polyoxyethylenated stearyl or cetyl monoitaconate copolymers;
- (meth)acrylic acid/butyl acrylate/hydrophobic monomer comprising a fatty chain copolymers;
- acrylic acid/C₈-C₂₀ alkyl acrylate/polyethylene glycol acrylate terpolymers;
- (meth)acrylic acid/C₁-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate/amphiphilic monomer comprising a C₈-C₂₂ hydrocarbon-comprising chain copolymers; and
- acrylic polymers modified by hydrophobic groups with a fatty chain.

Claim 18. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Canceled)

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the conditioning silicone is volatile having a boiling point of between 60°C and 260°C.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the conditioning silicone is non volatile and is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylsiloxanes, polyarylsiloxanes, polyalkylarylsiloxanes, silicone gums and resins and organomodified polysiloxanes, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the conditioning hydrocarbon is a linear or branched, cyclic or acyclic C₈-C₃₀₀ hydrocarbon.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 22, wherein the conditioning hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of isododecane, isohexadecane isoeicosane, and isotetracosane.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 15, wherein the conditioning fatty alcohol is a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, C₈-C₂₂ fatty alcohol.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 24, wherein the conditioning fatty alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2-butyloctanol,

lauryl alcohol, oleyl alcohol, isocetyl alcohol and isostearyl alcohol.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, wherein the conditioning fatty ester is an ester of a C₈-C₂₂ fatty acid and of a C₁-C₂₂ alcohol or an ester of a C₁-C₇ acid or diacid and of a C₈-C₂₂ fatty alcohol.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 26, wherein the conditioning fatty ester is selected from the group consisting of ethyl, isopropyl, 2-ethylhexyl and 2-octyldecyl palmitate; isopropyl, butyl, cetyl and 2-octyldecyl myristate; butyl and hexyl stearate; hexyl and 2-hexyldecyl laurate; isononyl isononanoate and dioctyl malate.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 15, which further comprises at least one adjuvant selected from the group consisting of fragrances, preservatives, sunscreen agents, sequestering agents, moisturizers, emollients, reducing agents, oxidizing agents, non-oily agents for conditioning hair or skin, colorants, acidifying and basifying agents.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) A process for incorporating an insoluble conditioning agent in a composition in the form of an aqueous gel by mixing at least one non-crosslinked acrylic polymer having a C₈ - C₃₂ hydrophobic chain, in an amount of 0.8 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition, with as ~~as sole~~ surfactant(s), at least one oxyethylenated esters of sorbitol and of C₈-C₂₂ fatty acids in

an amount of 1/20 to 1/5 with respect to the non-cross linked polymer, and in an amount of less than 1% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30. (new) Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical application in the form of an aqueous gel, comprising:

(a) at least one associative non-crosslinked acrylic copolymer having a C₈-C₃₂ hydrophobic chain, and being present in a proportion of 0.8 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition,

(b) as the sole surfactant(s) of said composition, at least one oxyethylenated esters of sorbitol and of C₈-C₂₂ fatty acids, in a ratio of 1/20 to 1/5 with respect to the associative non-crosslinked copolymer but in a proportion of less than 1% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition, and

(c) at least one insoluble conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of a silicone, a hydrocarbon, a fatty alcohol and a fatty ester, said conditioning agent being present in a proportion of 0.01 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

31. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the proportion of non-crosslinked copolymer is comprised between 1 and 10% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.

32. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the non-crosslinked copolymer is selected from the group consisting of:

(meth)acrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/C₈-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate copolymers;
acrylic acid/lauryl (meth) acrylate copolymers;
(meth)acrylic acid/C₁-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate/polyethoxylated C₁-C₂₂ alkyl allyl ether
copolymers, in which copolymers at least one of the monomers comprises a C₈-C₂₂
alkyl chain;
methacrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated lauryl acrylate terpolymers;
methacrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated stearyl methacrylate
copolymers;
(meth)acrylic acid/ethyl acrylate/polyoxyethylenated nonylphenol acrylate
copolymers;
acrylic acid/polyoxyethylenated stearyl or cetyl monoitaconate copolymers;
(meth)acrylic acid/butyl acrylate/hydrophobic monomer comprising a fatty chain
copolymers;
acrylic acid/C₈-C₂₀ alkyl acrylate/polyethylene glycol acrylate terpolymers;
(meth)acrylic acid/C₁-C₂₂ alkyl acrylate/amphiphilic monomer comprising a C₈-C₂₂
hydrocarbon-comprising chain copolymers; and
acrylic polymers modified by hydrophobic groups with a fatty chain.

Claim 33. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the conditioning
silicone is volatile having a boiling point of between 60°C and 260°C.

Claim 34. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the conditioning
silicone is non volatile and is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylsiloxanes,

polyarylsiloxanes, polyalkylarylsiloxanes, silicone gums and resins and organomodified polysiloxanes, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 35. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the conditioning hydrocarbon is a linear or branched, cyclic or acyclic C_8 - C_{300} hydrocarbon.

Claim 36. (new) Composition according to Claim 35, wherein the conditioning hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of isododecane, isohexadecane isoeicosane, and isotetracosane.

Claim 37. (new) Composition according to claim 30, wherein the conditioning fatty alcohol is a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched, C_8 - C_{22} fatty alcohol.

Claim 38. (new) Composition according to Claim 37, wherein the conditioning fatty alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2-butyloctanol, lauryl alcohol, oleyl alcohol, isocetyl alcohol and isostearyl alcohol.

Claim 39. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, wherein the conditioning fatty ester is an ester of a C_8 - C_{22} fatty acid and of a C_1 - C_{22} alcohol or an ester of a C_1 - C_7 acid or diacid and of a C_8 - C_{22} fatty alcohol.

Claim 40. (new) Composition according to Claim 39, wherein the conditioning fatty ester is selected from the group consisting of ethyl, isopropyl, 2-ethylhexyl and 2-

octyldecyl palmitate; isopropyl, butyl, cetyl and 2-octyldecyl myristate; butyl and hexyl stearate; hexyl and 2-hexyldecyl laurate; isononyl isononanoate and dioctyl malate.

Claim 41. (new) Composition according to Claim 30, which further comprises at least one adjuvant selected from the group consisting of fragrances, preservatives, sunscreen agents, sequestering agents, moisturizers, emollients, reducing agents, oxidizing agents, non-oily agents for conditioning hair or skin, colorants, acidifying and basifying agents.

Claim 42. (new) A process for incorporating an insoluble conditioning agent in a composition in the form of an aqueous gel by mixing at least one non-crosslinked acrylic polymer having a $C_8 - C_{32}$ hydrophobic chain, in an amount of 0.8 to 20% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition, with, as sole surfactant(s), at least one oxyethylenated esters of sorbitol and of $C_8 - C_{22}$ fatty acids, in an amount of 1/20 to 1/5 with respect to the non-cross linked polymer, and in an amount of less than 1% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.